

Our Jewish fellow citizens, asked to give fourteen million dollars to starving women and children in Eastern Europe, have contributed more than seven million.

Experience and statistics prove that money thus collected is well spent—for food that actually reaches the poor, not for fashionable salaries.

The collection of this vast sum, following upon so many "drives," is a tribute to the charity and energy of the American Jews.

They take care of their own, at home and abroad. Special thanks are due to David A. Brown, of Detroit, who managed the national campaign from the beginning, neglecting all his own affairs to do it.

Dr. Akeley, of the great Museum of Natural History, comes back from Central Africa with the skins of five gorillas. The biggest weighed 360 pounds, measured 60 inches around the chest.

Dr. Akeley surprises everybody, saying gorillas don't fight. They will run if they can. Strong enough to tear a man in two, feared by other beasts because of their strength, they run away and hide.

Perhaps that explains why they have remained gorillas. If they had been quarrelsome, had fought other animals and been attacked, they would have been compelled to THINK. And thinking, they might have gone upward. Nothing is more dangerous to man or gorilla than timid contentment.

Sometimes it pays to move around, travel, see, and investigate. And often it pays to stay in the one spot and get everything to be got out of that.

Thirty-seven years ago, William E. Knox, young, inexperienced, went to work for the big Bowery Savings Bank in New York. It then had forty millions of deposits, one hundred thousand depositors. Now it has one hundred and sixty-four millions on deposit, five hundred and sixty thousand depositors. And William E. Knox has just been made president of the whole business.

When he went to work in that concern thirty-seven years ago he made up his mind that what he wanted was right there, and that he would stay and get it. He did so. This may interest young gentlemen constantly on the lookout for an opportunity to change.

Bill Haywood has obtained big concessions from the Russian Soviet Government. He will work coal mines and factories nearby, and has undertaken to import into Russia about five thousand American workers.

Will Mr. Haywood now become a rich man, a capitalist on his own account? If he does, you will be interested in the effect that this will have on the rugged "friend of the people." And Mr. Haywood will himself be very much interested in the effect.

A thousand men can stand poverty unchanged for one able to stand the influence of wealth.

The Allies are trying to get thirty-five billions of dollars in gold out of Germany. The thing is impossible and they know it, but they have ingenious ideas.

Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the British exchequer, suggests that a partial solution would be to have the United States pay one-third—a little more than ten billions of dollars—of the amount to the Allies. It would distribute the American gold in Europe and "ease up the situation," says he. So it would. How does the idea impress you?

The governor in a province of the Argentine was murdered, and the criminal cut off the lobe of one ear.

A number of suspected men were arrested. One of them was attacked and was found with the lobe of his ear cut off, in revenge by friends of the dead man apparently. "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," was preached religiously in the old days. But it shocks you when you see it happening in real life. What was once much admired he could not stand. Third of the lady that drove a nail into the brain of a sleeping man, whom she had beguiled. We'd think little of her now.

# Brunen, Slain, Feared Wife Would Kill Him

## ARREST MADE IN BIG CHICAGO FIRE

### Millionaire Slater To Rewed

Opera Diva and Hubby She "Kicked Out" Mme. Matzenauer Gave Erstwhile Chauffeur "The Gate," Papa Says

### 10 MILLION BLAZE IS BELIEVED INCENDIARY

Discharged Employee Accused of Starting Conflagration That Costs Fireman's Life.

By International News Service. CHICAGO, March 15.—Evidence of incendiaryism was found today by the authorities investigating the disastrous fire which wiped out an entire block of buildings in the Union Depot business district this morning, reducing great structures to grim, gaunt skeletons and raising a property damage variously estimated from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, killing one man, and injuring scores of others. It was the greatest Chicago fire since the historic conflagration of 1811.

Man Is Arrested. Frank Costello, alias Frank Carney, a former employee of a confectionery concern in the building where the fire started, was placed under arrest and the authorities indicated that startling disclosures would follow.

When the fire was placed under control, shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, after burning fiercely since midnight, investigation was started to learn the cause. Carney was taken into custody by Fire Attorney Shirley T. High after Harry P. Schiff, president of Schaefer & Co., where the fire started, told that the man had threatened him.

Carney was held incommunicado. "I have evidence which shows conclusively that the fire was of incendiary origin," said the fire attorney.

Thousands of persons circled the devastated district all forenoon, watching the firemen battle with the smoldering ruins. Many were the miraculous escapes at the scene of the fire. The cornice and facings of the six-story Burlington building, housing the main offices of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was gutted from the sixth floor up, were continually dropping and imperiling the firemen and police.

Portions of the Austin and Atlantic buildings, among the many in ruins, away and fell with heavy crashes.

Traffic Is Suspended. Street car lines in the district were out of commission all morning. Thousands of persons were late reporting to work as a consequence, being forced to take devious routes. Elevated traffic was suspended half a mile from the scene.

The injured were being treated at the Froquois Hospital. The dead victim was James G. McGovern, a fireman, who was killed when struck on the head by a falling sign.

The fire occurred in the district just west of the Chicago river, near the Union depot, one of Chicago's most famous railway stations. It centered in the block bounded by Jackson, Clinton, Canal and Van Buren streets, but swept over adjoining squares.

From a spectacular standpoint the blaze was one of the most thrilling the city has known. Starting about midnight, the flames spread rapidly and shot skyward to great heights, reddening the skies for miles and driving fear into the hearts of thousands who visioned a repetition of the great conflagration of more than fifty years ago. It is estimated that more than 100,000 persons thronged the streets leading to the fire area, most of them on bridges spanning the river.



Mme. Margarete Matzenauer and her husband, Floyd Glotzbach, former chauffeur.

### MARYLAND SENATE ADOPTS 'DRY' REFERENDUM PLAN

BALTIMORE, March 15.—The Maryland senate at Annapolis this morning, after hours of bitter debate, adopted the State-wide referendum amendment to the Anti-Saloon League's concurrent prohibition enforcement bill, one of the most drastic measures drawn in any State for dry enforcement. The vote was 14 to 12.

The bill is now expected to go over to the house with the referendum attached. It will then be up to the house to concur in the amendment or call for a conference committee.

If the house refuses to concur, they kill the bill. If a conference committee does not agree, and either body adopts the disagreement report, the bill automatically dies.

### NEW JERSEY BISHOP PAYS RESPECTS TO POPE PIUS

ROME, March 15.—The Right Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of Trenton, N. J., yesterday was received by Pope Pius. The bishop said he found the pontiff in perfect health and vigor.

After the audience the bishop presented to the Pope a number of Sisters of the Philippine Order, to whom the pontiff spoke paternally and imparted the apostolic benediction.

### \$9,000 PAYROLL STOLEN BY JERSEY AUTO BANDITS

EDGEWATER, N. J., March 15.—Three armed automobile bandits held up and robbed the paymaster of Kellogg, Spencer & Sons of \$9,000 today.

### Dougher at Tampa With The Team

For the first time in several years the Washington baseball team looks like a real pennant contender.

### BRUNEN FEARED HIS WIFE'S GUN

"Was Figuring to Do Away With Him," Circus Man Wrote Sister.

By International News Service. RIVERSIDE, N. J., March 15.—Arrest of a suspect in the slaying of John Brunen, circus proprietor, in his home here last Friday night, was imminent today, Prosecutor Kelsey announced.

A report that the fatal shot was fired in response to a signal from the window of the Brunen home directly above the one before which the circus man was sitting when he was slain was given to a representative of the prosecutor's office today.

Saw Woman's Figure. A woman living directly behind the Brunen home said she saw the figure of a woman appear at the window shortly before the report of the gun on the night of the shooting and wave a cloth, which she took to be an apron.

Authorities regard her story as one of the most important pieces of evidence unearthed in the investigation. Kelsey had in his possession a letter written by Brunen to a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeske, on February 20, in which he expressed fear that his wife and seventeen-year-old daughter Hazel were plotting against him, and that his wife would murder him for his money.

Mrs. Jeske brought the letter from Carey, Ill., when she came for her brother's funeral.

"I think Doty is figuring to do away with me," Brunen said in the letter. "She thinks she can get free, for she talks about it all the time. In case anything happens to me, sister, I want you to come and take full charge of everything."

Brunen said his wife shot at him on Christmas Day and would have killed him if he had not "dodged and grabbed" the gun. He also deplored the fact that his daughter Hazel was being taught "nothing but the fast life of this world."

Ellis Parker, Burlington county detective, declared there was no evidence in the letter of sufficient strength to warrant an arrest. Statements in the letter constitute only circumstantial evidence, he said.

Parker was indignant over publication of the letter, as he said he had intended to use it secretly in his investigations. Mrs. Brunen did not know it had been written, he said, until it was published.

### The Wife Is Silent.

The letter told only a fraction of the whole story of conditions in the Brunen household as related to him by Brunen several weeks before the murder, the detective said.

Parker had advised Brunen to keep the shades pulled down whenever he was in the house so no one could fire at him from outside.

"If I'm going to be shot I want the shades up so somebody will see," Brunen replied.

Mrs. Brunen is maintaining a policy of silence and has retained Walter Keowan, of Camden, as her attorney.

Investigators today were checking up on the time of the murder with the time the alarm was given to neighbors by Mrs. Brunen. They are also working on the theory that a man was hired to do the shooting.

Parker's theory of the slaying is that the assassin knew Brunen's characteristics and realized he would be a hard man to deal with in this open. Therefore, he worked out the plan of shooting the circus man without warning and from behind.

Prosecutor Kelsey has received several anonymous letters and at least one anonymous telephone call concerning the mystery, but has declined to talk about them.

Measures have been taken to prevent anyone connected in any way with the case from leaving the town.

### REPORTER IS HELD BY MONCURE

Reno Judge Has Pleasant Hour Striking at Times for Exposing Divorce Frauds.

By A. CLOYD GILL. "Behind the Bars in Little Reno" came near being the subject of this story.

Jail loomed for this writer today when he was halted before the bar of Little Reno's divorce judge and placed in the custody of the City sergeant.

Moncure Makes Writer Hostage. After being served with a summons to appear before a special grand jury which convenes March 17 to investigate the divorce situation of Alexandria, this writer was informed by Judge Robinson Moncure that he would have to make bond of \$500 before he could leave the courtroom.

The bond which he finally made requires him not only to appear Friday when the grand jury convenes, but admonishes him to keep the peace for a period of thirty days, the assumption being that the investigation will continue for that length of time.

Final arguments before the bar association committee which has been probing the divorce evil of Alexandria were not heard today due to the indisposition of John S. Barbour, counsel for Moncure.

To Meet Saturday. The committee will meet Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to hear the remarks of Mr. Barbour and of Attorney Frank Stuart, the latter appearing as prosecutor.

Resolutions, adopted by the committee this morning, request the judge to postpone the probe of the divorce evil until the committee shall have completed its investigation and filed its report.

An effort was made by members of the committee to have incorporated in the resolution a clause calling on Judge Moncure to take the probe out of the special grand jury which he has chosen and leave it to a grand jury which would be called by a judge from another jurisdiction. This move failed.

It was immediately on the adjournment of the probe committee that Judge Moncure mounted the bench in his bleak, bare court room and departed heavily with a gavel for order.

### Puts Ban on Smoking.

Declaring his court in session he ordered those in the room who were smoking to desist. They did. Cigars and cigarettes, half consumed, went to one of the two stoves which constitute the heating apparatus of the court room.

The city sergeant served this writer with a summons and the judge ordered him before the bar of justice.

There he was informed that jail awaited him if he did not make bond, giving as surety an Alexandria property owner.

The court explained that he took this course because this writer was a non-resident witness. This writer some days ago stated to the investigating committee in the presence of the judge that he would appear before the grand jury when it convened. This counted for naught with the judge today.

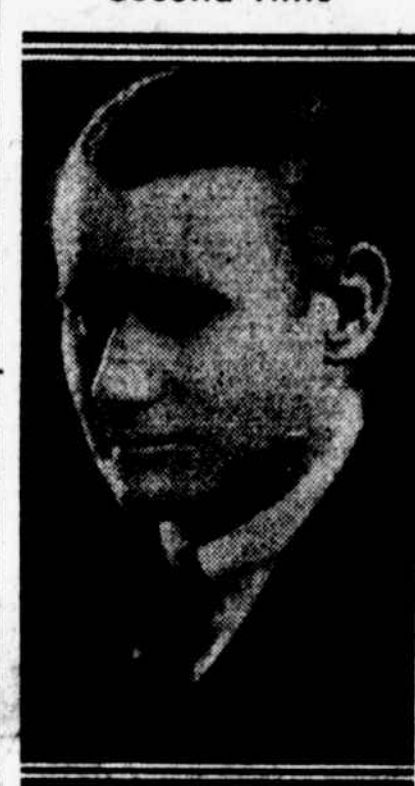
Calling in Miss Cora Duffey, a deputy clerk in the office of the clerk of the corporation court, the judge dictated a voluminous document, between paragraphs referring to certain legal volumes piled before him. He omitted nothing.

Coincidentally Miss Duffey is the first woman in Virginia to serve on a jury in that State. It was to this writer that she told of her experience when he called at her home in the fall of 1917. She was called to fill out a panel in a case then on trial in the circuit court.

Little Reno's famous divorce judge spent a pleasant hour in striking back at The Washington Times, which has published articles exposing the divorce evil in Alexandria.

Several prominent members of the divorce ring were present to witness

Young D. C. Millionaire Who Will Marry Second Time



WILLIAM A. SLATER.

### DEMOCRATS OF SENATE DIVIDED INTO FACTIONS

Treaty Splits Minority and Fight Looms for Control of Party.

By J. BART CAMPBELL. By International News Service.

Growing dissension among Democratic Senators split on the four-power Pacific treaty was reported today to be causing a serious rift in the higher councils of the Democratic party, which threatened to lead to another fight for national control between the pro-Wilson and anti-Wilson forces.

With Senator Oscar W. Underwood and William Jennings Bryan pulling for the treaty, and Democratic leaders still counted as adherents of former President Wilson pulling against it, the ill feeling already engendered between the opposing forces was said to be spreading far beyond the Senate chamber.

Several influential Democratic Senators like Harrison of Mississippi were known to be deprecating the strife created by the biting criticisms leveled at Senator Underwood by many of his own colleagues. They were understood to be deprecating the probable effect of the approaching Congressional campaign of Democrats fighting among themselves over a treaty proposed by a Republican Administration.

Underwood is expected to hold enough Democratic Senators in line to assist the Republican majority to ratify the treaty, but once the armament conference pacts are all out of the way it is considered not improbable that a concerted move will be made on the Democratic side to withdraw from the Alabama Senator his titular leadership which most of his Democratic colleagues are now refusing to recognize.

The known activities of Bernard M. Baruch, former Secretary of the Navy Daniels and other pronounced pro-Wilson men around the Senate since the treaty fight began have, it was declared, been directed as much against Underwood's leadership as against the four-power treaty itself.

### FRENCH SILENT ON U. S. CLAIM FOR RHINE PAYS

PARIS, March 15.—The French government, it was learned today, considers itself unable to reply to America's claim for payment of expenses of the American army on the Rhine out of German reparations funds because officials believe an interallied agreement must first be reached.

It is stated here that it is impossible for the nations concerned to reply singly. The American claim probably will be referred to the supreme council of the League of Nations for adjudication.

### IS ENGAGED TO N. J. GIRL OF WEALTH

Beautiful Susanne Pierson Declines to Discuss Betrothal To Divorces.

NORWICH, Conn., March 15.

Dan Cupid has fired an arrow into the heart of William A. Slater, scion of the multi-millionaire family of Slaters, who have a magnificent home at 1785 Massachusetts avenue northwest, Washington, D. C., now being occupied by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Second Time for Cupid.

This is the second time Cupid has played that trick on him. The first time the beautiful Madeline H. Allen, of South Orange, N. J., was the cause of Slater's heart trouble. He was only twenty-three years old, graduate of Harvard and his father's mills at Jewett, Conn., and she most beautiful girl in the "Jerries" and not quite eighteen.

Their marriage was not happy, and two years ago she went to Reno, Nev., where so many romances come to an end and obtained her divorce.

Slater has become engaged to the beautiful Susanne Pierson, twenty-one years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Pierson, of New York and Palm Beach.

Slater refuses to deny it, and the family of "Suki," as Miss Pierson is called by her intimate friends, also decline to discuss the situation.

The present William leaped into the full light of publicity in 1911, when he left Harvard in his senior year and took a \$5-a-week job in his father's cotton mills at Jewett, Conn.

### Learned Textile Business.

He was going to learn the textile business "from the bottom up." He went to work every morning in a limousine, stayed nine hours on the job, and was raised to \$15 a week after nine months of this sort of thing.

It was in 1913 that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen, of South Orange, announced the engagement of Madeline Allen and the hardworking young multi-millionaire. This romance caused a change in young Slater's plans. He decided he would not go into the cotton mill business, but would become a gentleman farmer on the great family estate at Pinehurst, N. C. Miss Allen became enthused over the prospect of becoming a "farmer's wife."

But the feeling did not all too soon. A year or two after the wedding, one of the most fashionable New York ever had, rumors of domestic troubles became rife. Then a baby boy arrived in the Slater home and it was believed that all was well on more.

The war broke out and Slater entered the army. His wife in the meantime had become a nurse overseas. On her return she told her friends that her husband insisted upon her living with his parents, to which she seriously objected.

Later she threatened a divorce, but her father asked her not to begin any action until he died. She promised she would not.

### Noted as Philanthropist.

The domestic trouble increased, however, and in 1919 she went to Reno, where she remained for the six months needed to establish a residence in that hospitable Nevada city. In due time the divorce was granted, Mrs. Slater being awarded the custody of the child for nine months in the year.

Besides their estate in Pinehurst and the Washington home, the Slaters have a wonderful chateau in Barritz, France, and a "cottage" at Newport. Young Slater's mother is now living at 1527 Sixteenth street northwest, Washington, having sublet her Massachusetts avenue home to the Mellons.

The late William A. Slater was noted as a philanthropist as were his father and uncle before him, the latter having given \$1,000,000 to a fund for negro education.